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Early Voting Press Release

We are pleased to announce "Early Voting" before Election Day for the first time in MA. Early Voting will begin on October 24th and continue through November 4th, 2016 (12Noon). For Freetown voters a schedule of the dates, times and locations follows this press release.

Absentee voting will also still be available for registered voters who qualify. Unlike absentee voting, early voting is for every registered voter. Registered voters do not need an excuse or reason to vote early. You may visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele for additional information on: checking if you are a registered voter, finding the location where you vote, you can also view the ballot for the election, and can obtain more information on Early Voting. To be eligible to vote in the November 8th State Election, you must register to vote or make any necessary changes (address change) to your voter registration by October 19th, 2016.

Early voting can be done in person or by mail. To request a ballot during the Early Voter period, an application can be found at the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele>. The completed application can be mailed to: Town Clerk, P O Box 438, Assonet, MA 02702. All ballots have to be received in the Town Clerk's Office by the close of the polls on Election Day. Once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.

We encourage all of our citizens to exercise their right and take advantage of the opportunity to vote.



STATE ELECTION

Date/Time : Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Polls Opened 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Polling Location: Prec. 1, 2 & 3 - Freetown Elementary Gymnasium, Memorial Dr, E. Freetown

State Election Final Voter Registration Session

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 **9:00 AM – 8:00 PM**Town Clerk's Office – 3 North Main St, Assonet

EARLY VOTING FOR STATE ELECTION

Period: Monday, Oct. 24 – Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, 12Noon

All voters registered by the final voter registration deadline qualify to participate in early voting process. Qualified voters may vote in person or request a ballot by mail from the city or town they are registered in. Early voting ballots returned by mail must be received at the Town Clerk's Office no later than 8:00PM on election day.

Locations and Hours of Early Voting:

Freetown Town Hall – Town Clerk's Office- 3 No. Main St, Assonet

Monday, October 24 – Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday, October 28, 2016	8:00 AM – 12Noon
Saturday, October 29, 2016	9:00 AM – 1:00PM
Monday, October 31, 2016 – Thursday, Nov.3 2016	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday, November 4, 2016	8:00 AM – 12Noon

Freetown Multi-purpose Senior Center – 227 Chace Rd, E. Freetown

Thursday, October 27, 2016	10:00AM – 1:00PM
Thursday, October 27, 2016	6:00PM – 8:00PM

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING FOR STATE ELECTION

Period: January 1, 2016 – Monday, November 7, 2016, 12Noon

Qualified voters may vote in person or request a ballot by mail from the city or town they are registered in. Early voting ballots returned by mail must be received at the Town Clerk's Office no later than 8:00PM on election day.

Absentee Ballot Voting is available for use by:

- 1) A registered voter who is absent from the voter's city or town during normal polling hours; or
- 2) A registered voter with a physical disability that prevents them from going to the polling place; or
- 3) A registered voter is unable to go to the polls because of religious beliefs;
- 4) A non-registered voter who is absent from the state; or
- 5) A non-registered voter who is an active member of the armed forces or merchant marines, their spouse or dependent; or
- 6) A non registered voter who is confined in a correctional facility or a jail, except if by reason of felony conviction.